plete depending on availability of funds.

(e) Bare minimum import of equipments may have to be made wherever equipment is not available from the indigenous sources.

**Accident deaths by DTC buses**

1506. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of deaths caused by Delhi Transport Corporation buses in road accidents in Delhi during January, 1987 and January, 1989; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take for curbing accidents involving Delhi Transport Corporation buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a)

January 1987 ... 11
January 1989 ... 16

(b) Steps taken and being taken include training of drivers before putting them on duty, refresher training, enforcement of speed-limit, provision of speed governors in the city route buses, incentives in the shape of awards and recognition for accident-free records Special squads have been deployed by DTC on routes to check that drivers follow traffic rules and drive buses safely.

**Development of tourism in Assam**

1507. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any new scheme from the Assam government for the development and promotion of tourism in that State; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take theron?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Receipt of proposals from the State Governments for central financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and financial sanction of the projects by the Department of Tourism, is an on-going process. On the basis of the proposals received from the Government of Assam, the Department of Tourism has sanctioned the following tourism projects in Assam during the current financial year :

1. Accommodation and boating facilities at Majuli River Island.
2. Way side facilities at Nalbari.
3. Way side facilities at Rawta.
4. Tourist lodge and other facilities at Silbhetta.
5. Tourist Complex at Samaguri Lake.

**Upgradation/shifting of Israeli consulate at Bombay**

1508. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade or shift the Israeli consulation at Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

No such proposal is under consideration.